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## **Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association**

### **Minutes**

**May 10, 2010**

**7:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Thirty people were in attendance for this meeting.

New members introduced themselves along with Chad Tripinski and Roger Brady from the ASSERT Neighborhood Association.

President Mads Ledet called the meeting to order.

Secretary Deb Sanchez read minutes from the April 12, 2010 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Mads suggested order of agenda changes to: 1<sup>st</sup> - New business discussed, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Speakers present with questions to follow all speakers.

Treasurer Bonnie Mitchell reported \$207.45 in the Wells Fargo account. The account does not have a monthly charge. The account was moved from the Bank of America to avoid the \$5 monthly service charge.

Chairman of the Land Use committee. Bruce Hoyt reported on the items:

1. No land use action was taking place. 5,000 sq. ft. lots are still allowed in zoned areas. Interested individuals can go to City Hall to see where lots are allowed. Bruce attended a land use training. His take away is that the city has a good walk in policy. Individuals who walk in can see a planner and ask questions about properties. He recommends anyone wishing to see a planner go to the office early and use the process. The city website has the exact hours of business.
2. There is a downtown forum on May 18 @ 6:30 pm with an open house beginning at 6:00 pm at City Hall.
3. Bruce also made a call for volunteers for the transportation study. Interested persons should contact Cathy Harrington.

The vice president position was again placed up for nomination. Mads explained the V.P. responsibilities are to:

1. Provide back up for the President when the President is not available

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2. To act as Chairman of the By-Laws.

Paul Warr-King nominated Chuck Becker as Vice President; motion seconded by Bruce Hoyt. Nomination unopposed.

Association members discussed an arson fire on Saturday, May 19. No one had been arrested for the crime at the time. however, there was a person of interest arrested for other crimes in the vicinity. The member expressed concern he had not been contacted by the arson investigator or others investigating despite his repeated inquiries.

Mads introduced Kelle Landavazo. He had requested she stop by to discuss organizing Neighborhood Watch groups.

Kelle discussed the Neighborhood Safety Forum to be held on Saturday, May 15 and left flyers for those interested.

Kelle also provided flyers on steps to start a Neighborhood Watch group.

Kelle advised National Night Out is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August. Gresham registration is available on the City website. The party does not have to be on Tuesday night, just in the same window of time. Kelle stated property crimes are on the increase, and citizens can take mitigating measures to prevent crime. She reported there are 2 benefits to organizing an event for the evening: 1. Park & closed street fees for neighborhood parties are waived; 2. Someone from the city will be visiting parties, so it is an opportunity to meet city officials.

Mads reminded GBNA members there is an Urban Forestry focus group seeking volunteers to complete a survey. See the city website for the survey. The 2010 Council work plan includes a review of development codes and revised codes. It was noted that GBNA has 67.8% of the City's tree cover.

Mads stated the GBNA has a Facebook page. See the page for information on a GBNA picnic to be held at Gresham's Main Park. The plan is to bring a meal for yourself/family and a dessert pot luck. The date is planned for August 3, 2010.

The June 14, 2010 meeting will host Katherine Kelly to discuss Metro mass transit plans. A Tri-Met representative has yet to be determined. Chuck Becker also suggested inviting representatives from the State Department of Transportation.

Speakers

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**Energy Trust of Oregon-Donald Shaw, (503) 270-1415.**

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Donald discussed the mission of the Energy Trust is to go to homes, conduct an energy survey and make recommendations to improve energy conservation. The staff will make suggestions on insulation, windows, thermostats. They will also provide and install light bulbs and aerators for energy conservation. Donald stated insulating a home will provide the best money saving strategy and changing from double pane to triple pane windows will not be cost effective. He also advised regular maintenance of a furnace will keep the furnace operating much longer than its life expectancy. Donald reports they work with vendor, Clean Energy Works - Dan Blue, 1 (866,) 311-1822. He stated the agency has been working successfully in Portland areas and hopes to expand to the Gresham area. Last year they surveyed 9,700 homes with a goal of 15,000 for 2010.

Donald stated all their employees wear Energy Trust shirts and wear badges identifying themselves. They also try to call the day before coming out to confirm.

### **S.E. Uplift- Tim O'Neal & Imagineenergy- Jonathan Cohen.**

Mission is to provide solar panels through a bulk purchasing project. They organize as many individuals as they can in an area to receive competitive bids for installation. When they started they had 500 interested, 350 of those requested assessments, 130 installations completed in about 6 months from start to finish.

Websites for more information:

[www.solarizeportland.org](http://www.solarizeportland.org)  
[www..solarize.org](http://www..solarize.org)  
[www.imagineenergy.net](http://www.imagineenergy.net)

Tim and Jonathan also mentioned there are state and federal tax credits available as incentives.

Mads proposed the meeting be adjourned. Bruce 2nd the motion.

Individual question and answer session followed after the meeting ended.

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